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KAUR begins move to Tuve studios

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Thanksgiving is long gone, and Augustana's student radio station, KAUR, still is not completely at home in its new Tuve facilities. But according to station manager Jim Barkley, there are no hard feelings.

In the past few months, KAUR has been given several

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"move dates" by administrators and maintenance, with the most recent date being Thanksgiving.

Even though that deadline was not met and only the station's offices have been moved to the new location, Barkley is very optimistic about the situation.

"As far as the Thanksgiving deadline goes, we realize now that there's no way we could have made that [deadline] because of all the extra work that maintenance did," Barkley said.

He said that because Gene Marko was not on campus this week, progress on the studios has slowed down.

"But the only thing left, really, is for maintenance to get the studio cabinetry in here," Barkley said. "We have to have that before we can move our production and studio equipment over here, and we also have to move the albums." Barkley said there are about 10,000 albums.

As soon as the cabinetry is installed, an engineer will be brought in to complete the wiring of the studios, which Barkley estimates will take a week, and possibly longer.

"I would say maintenance is about 90 percent done and then it's up to us," he said. While no definite move date has been set, the station hopes to be in operation in the new Tuve facilities by Christmas.

"It's a period of transition, and it will be tough for everyone," Barkley said, "but we're really looking forward to finishing the move up."

Despite the fact that KAUR has been promised this move for quite some time, Barkley said the wait has been worth it.

"Everyone that has seen [the new location] has been really impressed. Maintenance went all the way and really put work into it; in fact, I would say we're going to have some of the nicest studios in town."